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Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of  
Reasons for Allowance dated December 16, 2005.

The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's Statement of  
Reasons for Allowance to the extent that the claims of the  
present invention are patentable over the references in the  
record. The Applicant expressly traverses the Examiner's  
Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that any comment  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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